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to the top of General File. In response to the criticisms that he made. So I would ask you to reject Senator Carpenter's amendment. Not because it doesn't have merit, but because it offers an impossible dream as far as the Governor and this Legislature is concerned. I want the children to get something. The bill in it's present state offers that. I'm not for all or nothing at all when I'm not the one to be hurt by the risk. I want the bill in it's present form without amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer. Then Marsh, Goodrich, Whitney Nore

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to second what Senator Chambers has just said. I looked at LB977, there is no reference to making any new change except that striking out the dollar amount and changing to a higher dollar amount and we have already determined that this dollar amount is very little different from Senator Schmit's amount. Senator Carpenter's idea may or may not have merit. No there is no figures to indicate whether the 90% of the national poverty level is above or below what we are trying to propose in this bill. I'm not sure whose fault it is that we are in the crack we are in right now, but we only have 11 days left. I think this is a good bill. Let's move it the way it is.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I hate to oppose Senator Carpenter on his amendment, but what his amendment would do would be to increase the amount paid, some \$175 per month for a mother and one child to \$387 per month for a mother and one child. Then you add to the..to that figure the food stamp program and all the other services, you are very rapidly..in fact way past the amount that anyone can make..this type of person can make working for a living. You would add approximately ten thousand families over night on the welfare rolls. The real quick estimate of the additional cost, not only the one million nine hundred thousand that we are meeting in the Schmit bill, but you would have to add four and a half million more to the bill to adopt Senator Carpenter's motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore you are next to speak.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, and fellow members I'd have to oppose Senator Carpenters proposal. First we all know that idleness is the devil's workshop. And I think probably should repeat again, if you read history that the Roman Empire one of the chief reasons it folded up was that we had to organize foreign and organize idle rich on each end, and it kept getting narrower and narrower until there was very little to produce. So then the enemies of the country walked in and took it over. Now we're going to. I said it eight years ago or ten years ago, about nine years ago. I said on this floor that within ten years we would have a shortage of all consumer goods. You can get it in...it is in the record here in the statehouse. And the prices would be so high that most of us couldn't..or wouldn't be able to afford to buy it. This is one of the reasons. There is no incentive to work. Now, I'm going to vote for this bill, because I do think that we have had a tremendous inflation. I think it's probably halfway reasonable, but let's not get...let's not go overboard. So I would have to oppose the Carpenter amendment.